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In re Application of:

Ed VanDyne et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING EXHAUST GAS  
RECIRCULATION AND START OF COMBUSTION IN  
RECIPROCATING COMPRESSION IGNITION ENGINES WITH AN  
IGNITION SYSTEM WITH IONIZATION MEASUREMENT

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed December 18, 2009, the applicants traverse the Examiner's statement to the extent it differs from a mere restatement of the claim language. Applicants further traverse the Examiner's statement and reasoning insofar as they would lead to or suggest, if at all, an interpretation of the claimed invention different from the full extent of claim scope afforded thereto by the established law in the absence of the statement of the reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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